

APRIL 2019

FIRSTIES NEWSLETTER

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April means **CONFIRMATION!**

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Meet Katie!

YOUTH TEAM ASSISTANT

Katie became the Youth Team Assistant back in August. Katie grew up in Northern California and became a Tulsan after meeting her husband, Joshua, on a blind date while attending college. She has a degree in Occupational Health Sciences and in Medical Coding and Billing. She also worked as an elementary school teacher for several years, including for our ELA program where she taught two year olds.

Katie loves spending time with her husband and two kids—Matthew and Jenna. They love playing board games and exploring outside with their Queensland Terrier Skippy Jon Jones. Her favorite part of working in the Youth Department is getting to know the families who attend, and watching the students build friendships and grow each week in their faith.

Favorite Color: Royal Purple

Favorite Food: Homemade tacos

Favorite Sound: Rain falling on a metal roof...or a really good belly laugh from a baby

What would you do on an ideal day off? Hanging out with family, preferably on a nice, warm beach somewhere, taking photos of nature, going horseback riding, or playing with lots of puppies!



Upcoming High School Events

Field Focus Team Mandatory Meeting Sunday, April 7

Our Field Focus Team is required to attend this meeting at Turkey Mountain from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. Meet at the restrooms at the lower parking lot on Elwood Ave.

April Grow Group Social Sunday, April 28

Location and time are TBA. Check Facebook and Instagram for more details soon!



Upcoming Middle School Events

Middle School Hangout Sunday, April 7

The April social will take place at the church from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. It will be in the High School Assembly room and the theme is: Game Night Take Two!

Pre-Confirmation Lunch Sunday, April 14

Parker Hall from 12:30 p.m. following Palm Sunday Services in the sanctuary. Parents will be able to pick up their sixth graders at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmation Fun Night Friday, April 26

We'll be writing thank you notes at the home of Jon and Nikki Bell from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite memories from Confirmation!

Confirmation Sunday

For the students that choose to be confirmed. The Confirmation ceremony is an act of worship. It is their public declaration of their commitment to Christ and desire to become a full adult member of our church family.

Students need to arrive dressed for photos on Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the 6th Grade Room

Parents: The confirmation ceremony will be in the sanctuary at 10:55 a.m. on Sunday, April 28.

Note: Your Child may be baptized as part of the Confirmation Ceremony if they have not been baptized already. Don't forget to let Katie know if your student wants to be baptized on this day.

Confirmation Lunch

After the Confirmation Ceremony, Confirmation students and families will meet in Thomas Hall to celebrate the student's commitment and to receive their Confirmation Certificates. Lunch will be served.

When: Sunday, April 28

Where: Thomas Hall

Cost: \$6 per person, \$24 immediate family ticket, \$35 extended family ticket

What to do: Be sure and let Katie know how many people in your family will be joining us for lunch. You can RSVP by contacting the youth office, either by phone at 918.592.3862, ext. 1300 or by email to katiephariss@fumctulsa.org.



Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Night Youth will run through Wednesday, April 24! Pizza is served at 6:00 p.m. in the youth lobby. If you have not paid your \$45 for the semester of pizza, feel free to drop off a payment to the Youth Department lock box outside the Youth Office door. The evening schedule is:

- Food
- Worship
- Small Group Time
- Gym Recreation

Topic for April: Truth

Parents, be sure to check-in each week on Facebook or Instagram for weekly topical questions to keep the conversation going at home!

Parent Seminars



Sunday, April 7
10:00 a.m. | Middle School Assembly

Guest Speaker: Cindie Milford-Cross
Topic: Screen Time and Teenagers



Sunday, May 5
10:00 a.m. | Middle School Assembly

Guest Speaker: Amanda Morris
Topic: Raising Resilient Teenagers

Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We use these social media outlets to update you about upcoming events or to notify you of any program changes or cancellations.

Follow us

 [instagram.com/firsties_tulsa](https://www.instagram.com/firsties_tulsa)

 [facebook.com/Firsties](https://www.facebook.com/Firsties)

Reminders:



Registering for Upcoming Mission Trips

To register for any of our upcoming mission trips, visit fumctulsa.org/youthmissions.



Register to Serve at Camp Friendship!

Counselors and Counselors-in-Training needed. Find out more at fumctulsa.org/youthmissions.

Spotlight

Spring Mission Recap

Mission Academy and Aaron & Hur track took place March 17 through March 19.

32 students attended Mission Academy
12 students attended Aaron & Hur track
12 College and Adult volunteers gave up their Spring Break to help lead

Places Served:

Community Food Bank of Oklahoma
Alen Davis Ministry Center
RESTORE Hope Ministries
Helping Shelli Pleasant with a VBS program at Avant UMC
Clean-up day for our ELA program at FUMC Tulsa

Both Mission Academy and Aaron & Hur events were awesome! Great worship, fun memories, and new friendships were made.

Be sure and ask your students to share some of their own highlights (and favorite riddles) from the event. We are looking forward to spending more time with these kids this summer on our upcoming mission trips!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this Spring Break such a success!



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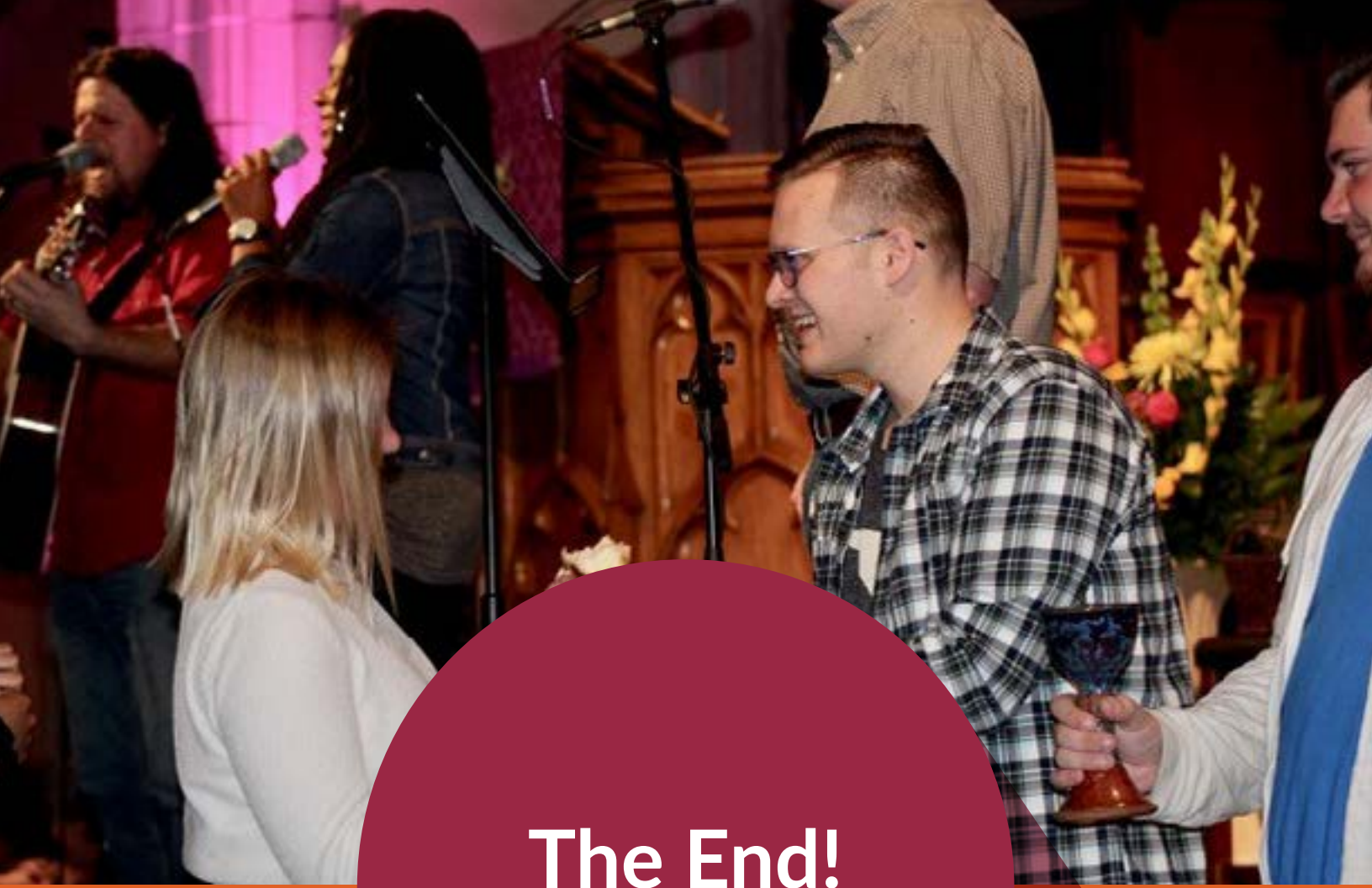
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